

# "In Quest of ELR"

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# Quest Diagnostics Overview

- Nation's leading provider of diagnostic testing, information and services
- Broadest menu of diagnostic tests including cardiovascular, cancer, infectious disease and anatomic pathology
- More than 85 new tests introduced each year
- Leading provider of esoteric testing, including gene-based medical testing
- Serve more than one-half of U.S. physicians and hospitals
- Six Sigma initiative
  - The Goal: Virtual Perfection (<3.4 defects per million opportunities)

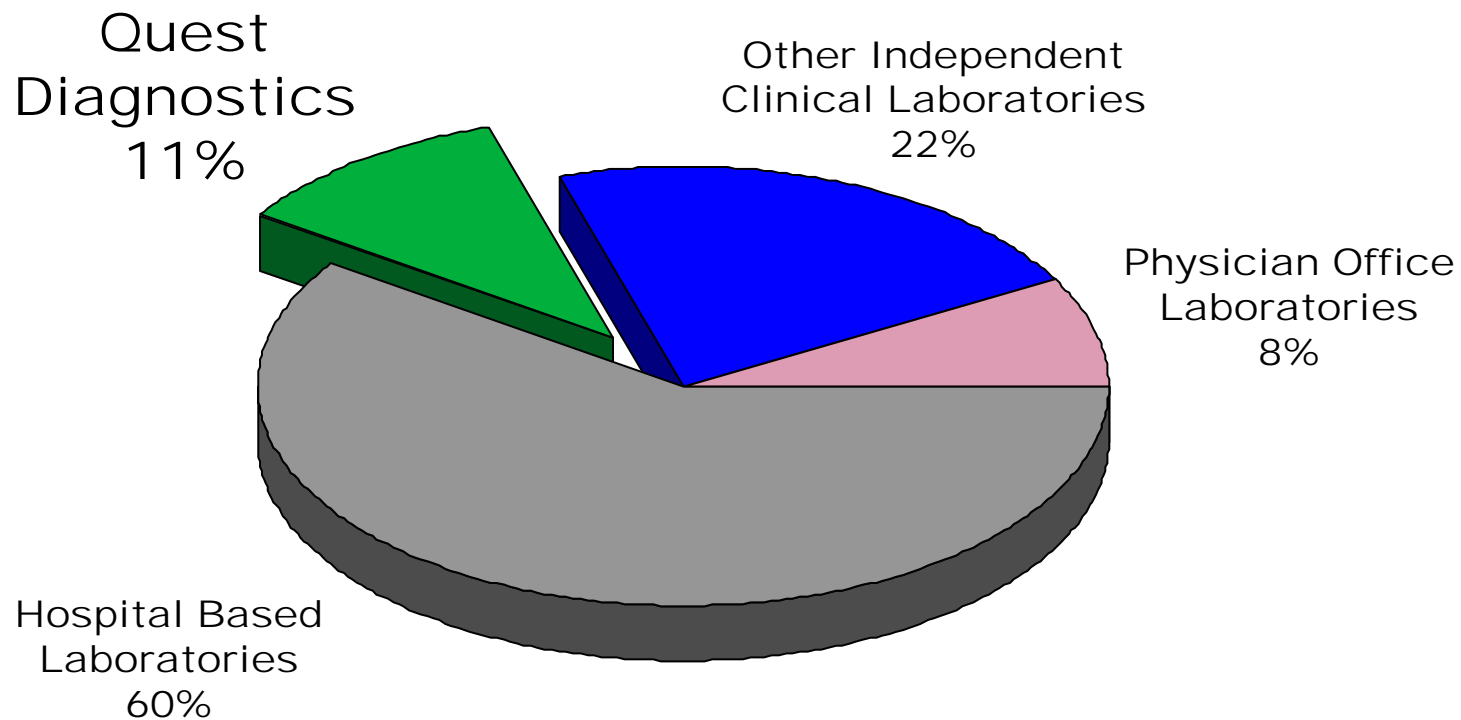
# Industry Overview

- **Test results affect >70% of health care decisions, but represent only ~3% of health care spending**
- **Test results help physicians to diagnose disease, select treatment and monitor treatment effectiveness**

**"Virtually nothing happens in healthcare without a lab test result"**

# Diagnostic Testing Market

Quest Diagnostics is the Industry Leader



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# Our Reach

- **32 Major Regional Laboratories**
- **2 Esoteric Testing Centers**
- **150 Rapid Response Laboratories**
- **>1,700 Patient Service Centers (PSCs)**
- **Serve over 90 million lives covered by managed care organizations and third-party insurers**

**115 Million Patient Encounters Annually**

# Electronic Public Health Reporting

## Goals and Status

- **Collaborative effort to implement a single, standard HL7 format as specified by the CDC**
  - ◆ **Collaboration between CDC, local, state, county or municipal agencies as needed during an implementation project**
    - **Texas, Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee, Washington, Oregon, Pennsylvania, New York**
  - ◆ **Rapid implementation of standard interfaces and encryption, e.g., PHIN-MS (PHIN-Messaging System)**
    - **New York (pilot project)**

# Public Health Reporting Challenges

- **Conflicting priorities for both states and labs**
- **Private sector ability to obtain required information**
  - ◆ **Physicians do not provide required information to laboratories**
    - **Difficult for labs to obtain from physicians**
  - ◆ **Excessive burden on labs**
  - ◆ **Incomplete data slows down reporting process and ability for health agency to respond (potentially affecting public health)**
- **Lack of standard format for different Divisions within same State**
  - ◆ **Some are not the HL7 format specified by CDC**

## Public Health Reporting Challenges, Cont.

- **Divergent Reporting Criteria: Challenges**
  - ◆ **Customized definitions and criteria**
    - **Today: State + County + Division (e.g., AIDS)**
    - **Future: State to County to Division**
  - ◆ **Why different criteria if no geographical difference?**
    - **Is there an impact on public health?**
  - ◆ **How to begin standardizing criteria?**
    - **Common reporting requirements**



## Public Health Reporting Challenges, Cont.

- **Requirements – variable data elements & standards:**
  - ◆ **Demographic data**
  - ◆ **Identifiers**
  - ◆ **Conditions**
  - ◆ **Tests**
  - ◆ **Values**
  - ◆ **Format**
  - ◆ **Coding**
  - ◆ **Transmission (e.g., paper, disk, dial in, electronic or Web)**
  - ◆ **Requirements for calling results (e.g., 24 or 48 hours)**
  - ◆ **Security and Confidentiality (encryption packages differ by state)**

# Public Health Reporting Challenges

## ■ CODE SETS

- ◆ LOINC Codes
- ◆ SNOMED Codes
  - Ensure that interpretations are consistent

## ■ WISH LIST

- ◆ Laboratories report to “one” agency for local, state or division - currently reporting to many sites, need for integration
  - Single agency to report to local agencies
- ◆ Standard (Common) Reporting Criteria
- ◆ Local agency to accept incomplete information
  - Local agency to obtain missing information from physician

# Electronic Public Health Reporting Committee

- Virginia Sturmfels – Corporate Manager
- Elaine Maddix – Public Health Systems Specialist (Atlanta)
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- Katherine Robinson – CDC Epidemiologist
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- And other Quest Diagnostics specialists and State representation as needed

# Anomaly Detection

- **Traditional Surveillance**
  - ◆ Based primarily on confirmed occurrences of known conditions
  - ◆ Variability in conditions reported in different jurisdictions
- **Syndromic Surveillance**
  - ◆ Based on recognizing patterns of behavior consistent with symptoms typical of a condition of public health concern
- **Anomaly Detection**
  - ◆ Large scale application of signal detection, pattern analysis and signal resolution to identify patterns of concern to public health:
    - Bio-terrorism
    - Emerging Infectious disease
    - Environmental effects
    - Significant changes in chronic disease patterns

# ***AT&T / Quest Diagnostics Team***



## **Quest Diagnostics Incorporated**



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# AT&T / Quest Diagnostics Public Health Surveillance System

## ■ Mission Statement

To deploy a scalable local / national surveillance infrastructure

- ◆ for timely identification of health-related anomalies,
- ◆ for rapid and effective management and dissemination of alerts,
- ◆ to support investigation of anomaly causes and trends, and
- ◆ for integration of health data via web services.

## ■ Key Challenges

- ◆ Large scale data collection and warehousing
- ◆ Configurable anomaly detection and efficient case investigation
  - Real-time alerts
  - Minimize false positives
  - Alert notification management
- ◆ Extensible architecture with all threat types
- ◆ System security, accessibility, reliability and availability

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## Quest Diagnostics Advantages

- **The World's Largest Private Database of Clinical Test Results**
  - ◆ Personal health testing on >100 million patient encounters annually
  - ◆ >250 million diagnostic laboratory tests annually
  - ◆ >6.5 million gene-based tests annually
  - ◆ 7-8 Million individual laboratory result values daily
  - ◆ Tests ordered by >300,000 individual physicians annually
  - ◆ National coverage; Representative of US population distribution
- **History of Collaboration and Innovation in Public Health**
  - ◆ Prototype Syndromic Surveillance investigation of West Nile Encephalitis and Legionella, 2000; Joint presentation with CDC at ICEID, 2000
  - ◆ MRSA prevalence project, 2003
  - ◆ Possible Legionella outbreak investigation, 2003
  - ◆ JAMIA publication on Syndromic Surveillance, 2004
  - ◆ HCV Awareness Campaign assessment, 2004
  - ◆ Initiated Syndromic Surveillance pilot with NYC DOHMH, 2004

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### Quest Diagnostics Advantages

- Access to data not generally available via existing surveillance streams
- Data available in aggregated form
- Data properly de-identified for HIPAA compliance
- Deep visibility of out-patient/physician office testing segment
- Availability of data at county, state, and national levels
- Single source electronic reporting of national surveillance data for:
  - ◆ Bio-terrorism and emerging infectious disease detection
  - ◆ Enhanced surveillance for other issues of public health concern
  - ◆ Investigation of cross-jurisdictional anomalies/outbreaks
- Availability of denominator data
- Large normative data pool for routine tests



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## ***AT&T Advantages***



### **World leader in Very Large Database (VLDB) Management Technology**

- ◆ AT&T's **Daytona™** Data Management easily handles multi-terabyte databases.
- ◆ Supports fast, efficient storage and complex analytics on high-volume data.
- ◆ Won top awards in 2003 Winter Corporation TopTen VLDB Survey

### **Real-Time Data Mining and Anomaly Detection Techniques**

- ◆ Various anomaly detection techniques that have been applied reliably in fraud detection.
- ◆ **Signature**, continuously-updated historical profile for real-time anomaly detection
- ◆ **Hancock**, VLS matching data streams to pattern templates using domain-specific languages
- ◆ **Community of Interest (COI)**, encodes the graph of relationships among elements (500M keys, 63B comparisons per day).

### **Efficient Case Management, Visualization, and Notification**

- ◆ Rule-based driven case management tool to identify cases and support work-centers and associates
- ◆ **VMDS** (Visualization of Massive Data Sets) - Dynamic, comprehensive boundary files, multiple variables and graph types with drill down and pixelmap overlap to support real-time analysis and investigation.
- ◆ **YOIX™**, a development environment for distributed applications.
- ◆ **CHAIN™-EMN<sup>SM</sup>** for Alert/Notification Management

### **System Security, Accessibility, Reliability and Availability**

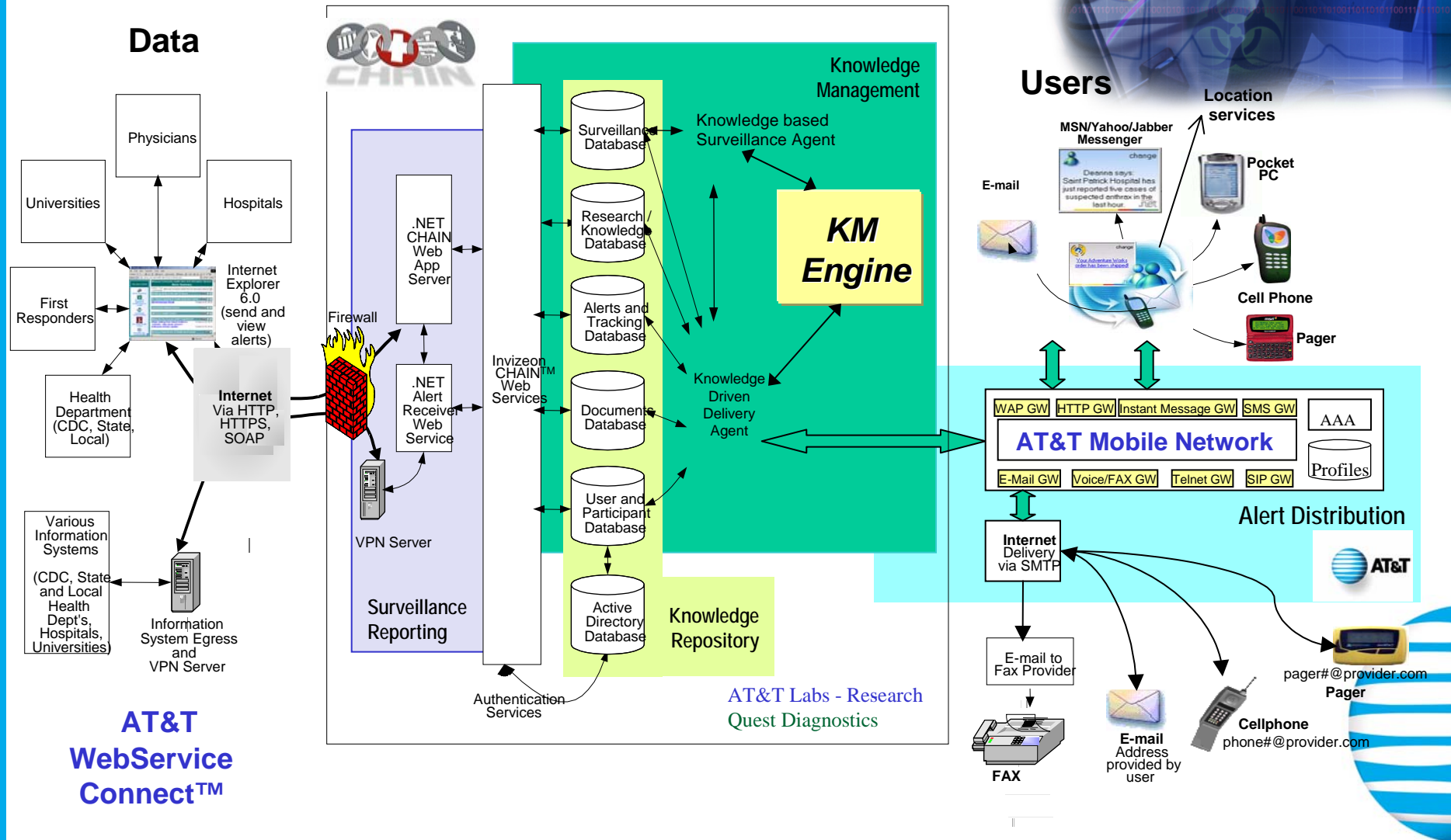
- ◆ Comprehensive portfolio of network-centric services
- ◆ 21 State-of-the-art Internet Data Centers worldwide, with 2 million square feet of hosting space
- ◆ Over 3,500 Terabytes of data transported per day

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# AT&T Public Health Surveillance System Solution Overview



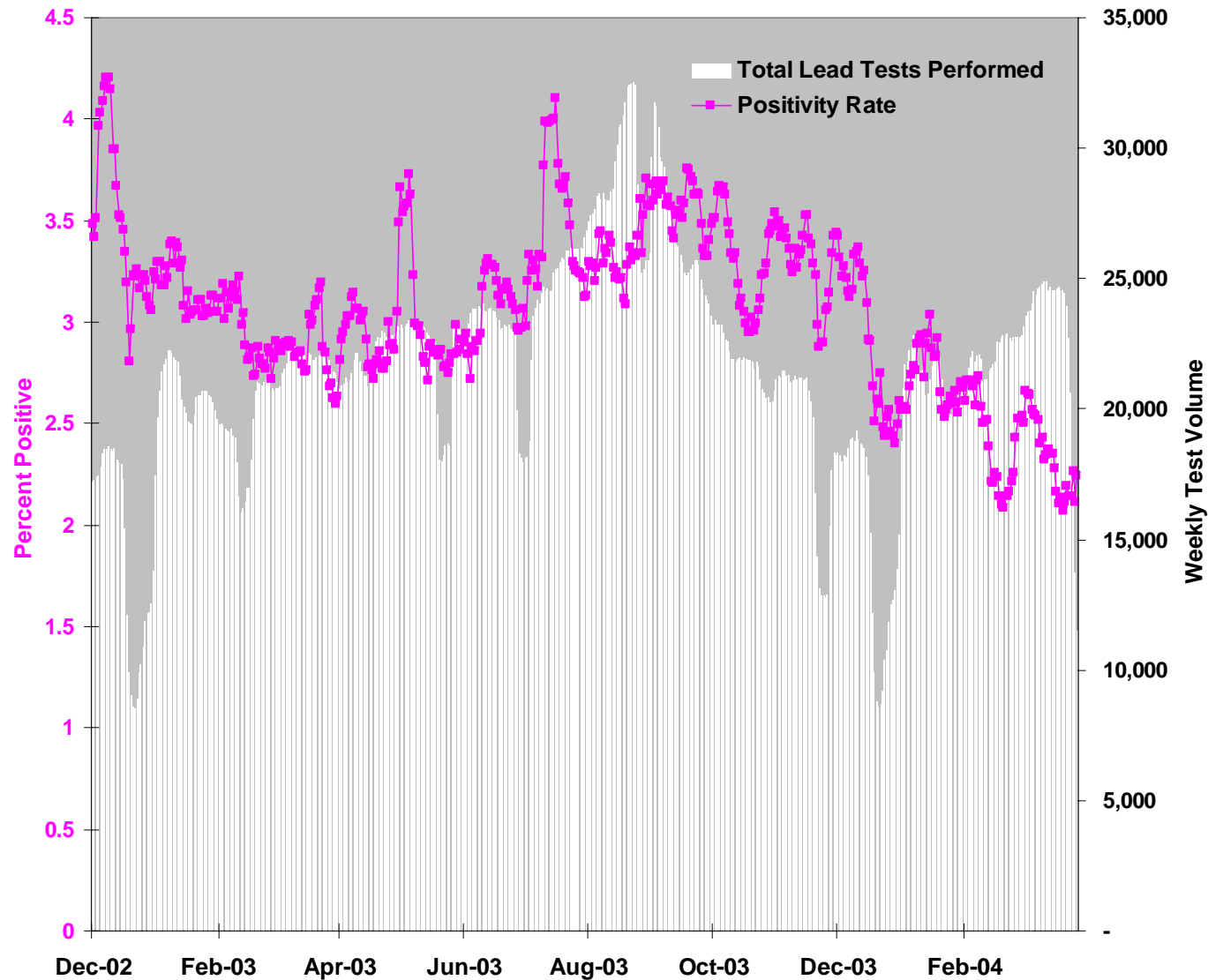
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## Data Analysis – Trends in Blood Lead Testing

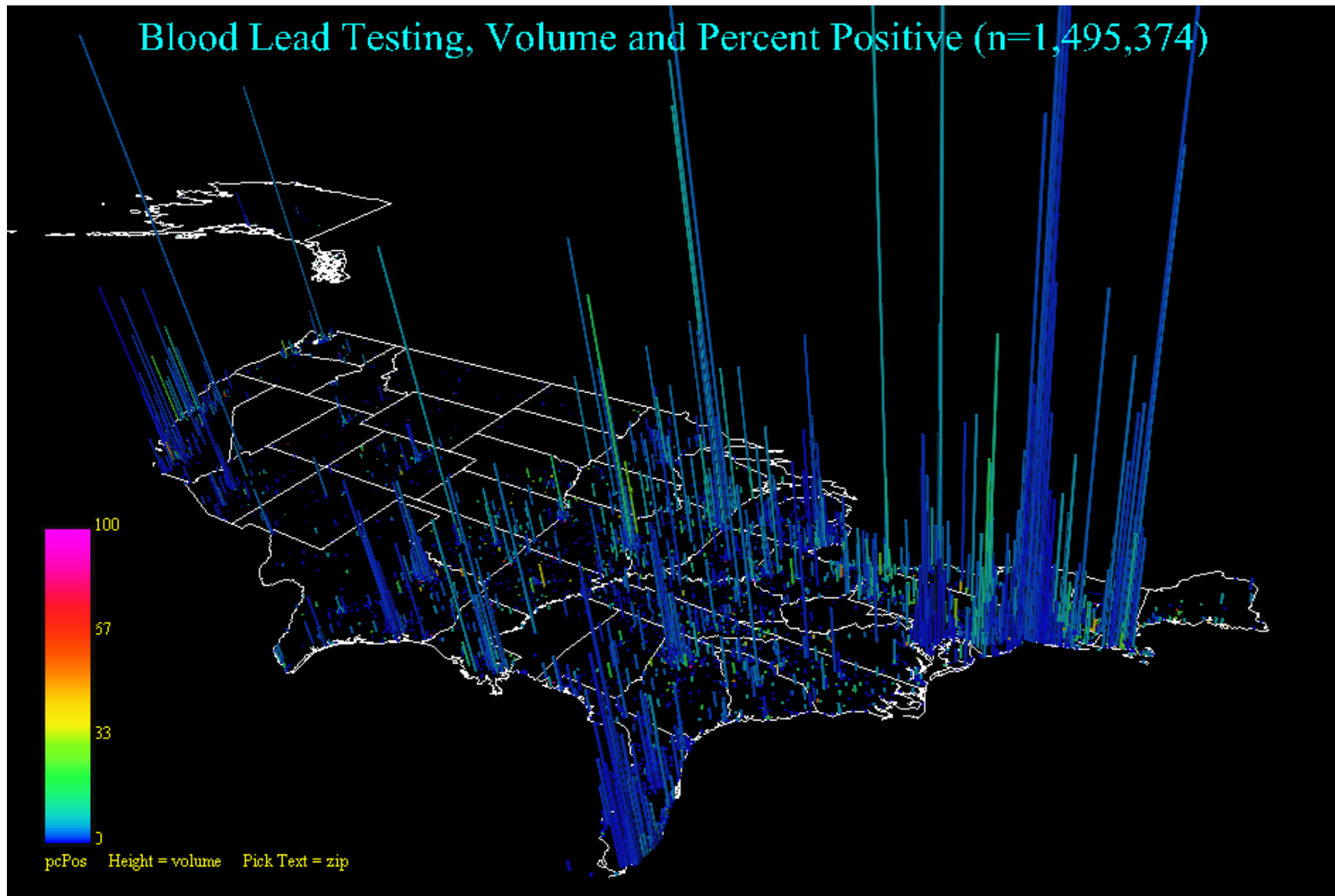
Weekly National Blood Lead Test Volume and Positivity Rate, 12/02-4/04



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## Data Visualization - National Coverage

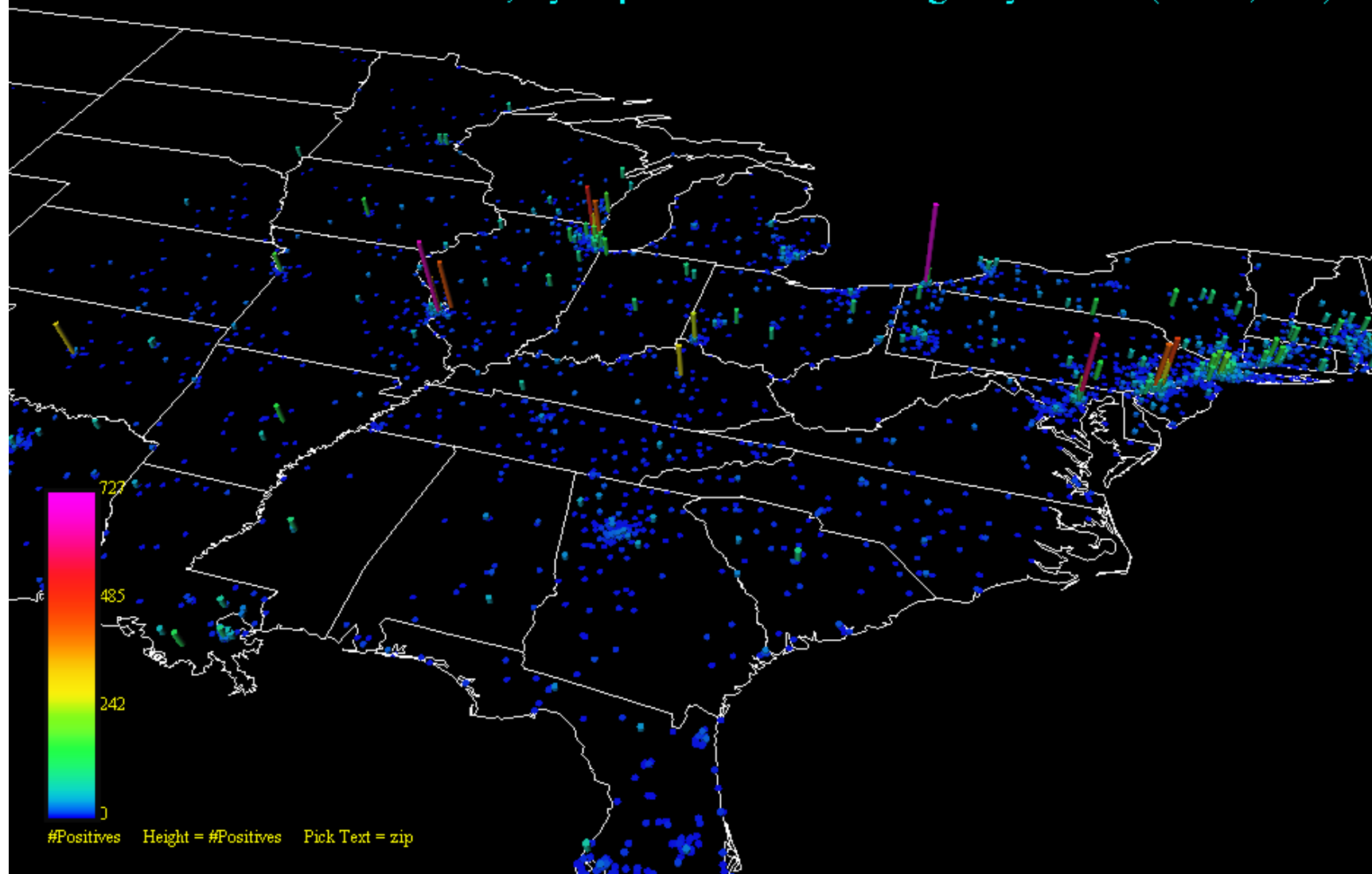
Blood Lead Testing, Volume and Percent Positive (n=1,495,374)



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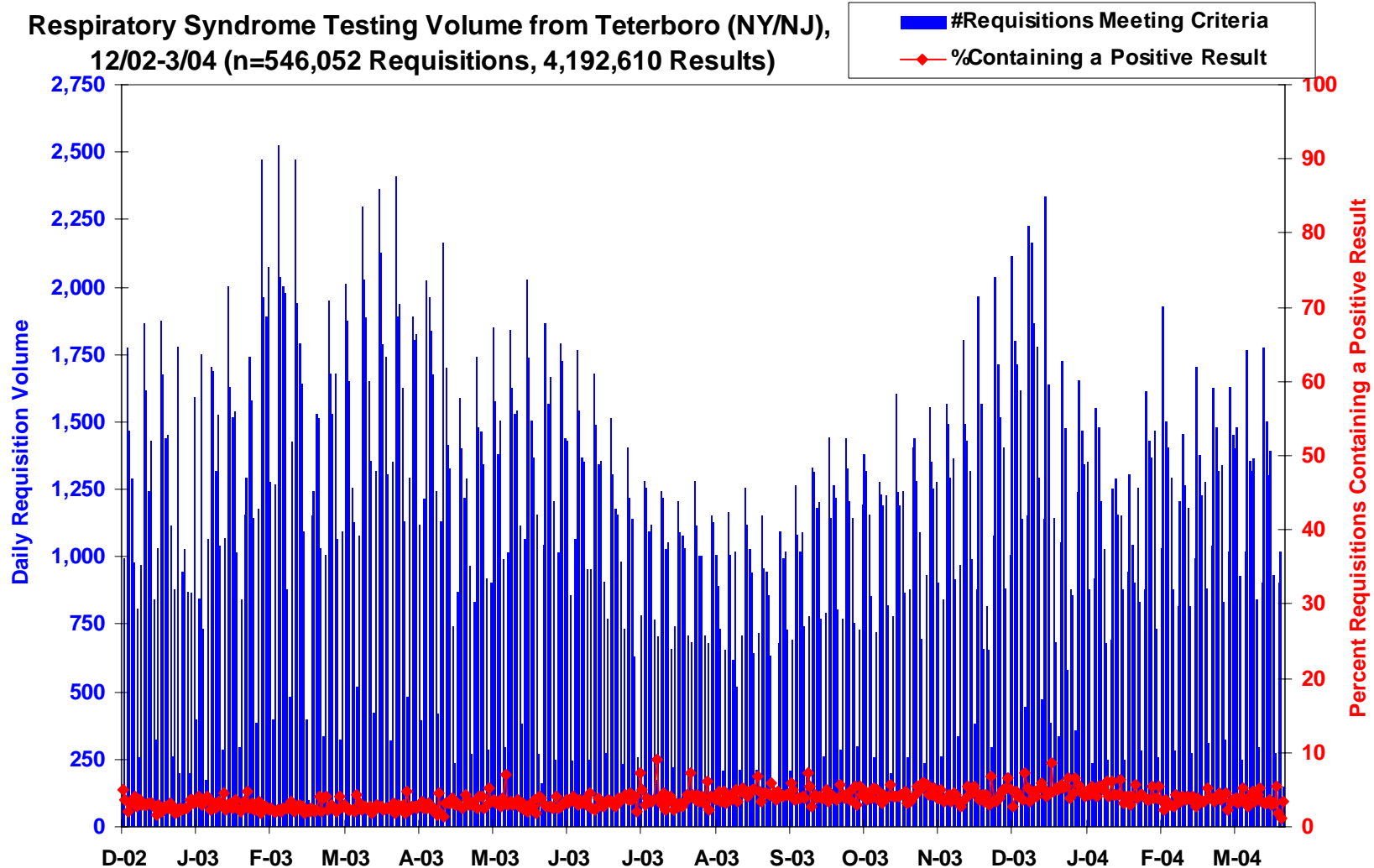
## Data Visualization – Positive Tests Only

Positive Blood Lead Tests, by Zip Code of Ordering Physician (n=47,781)



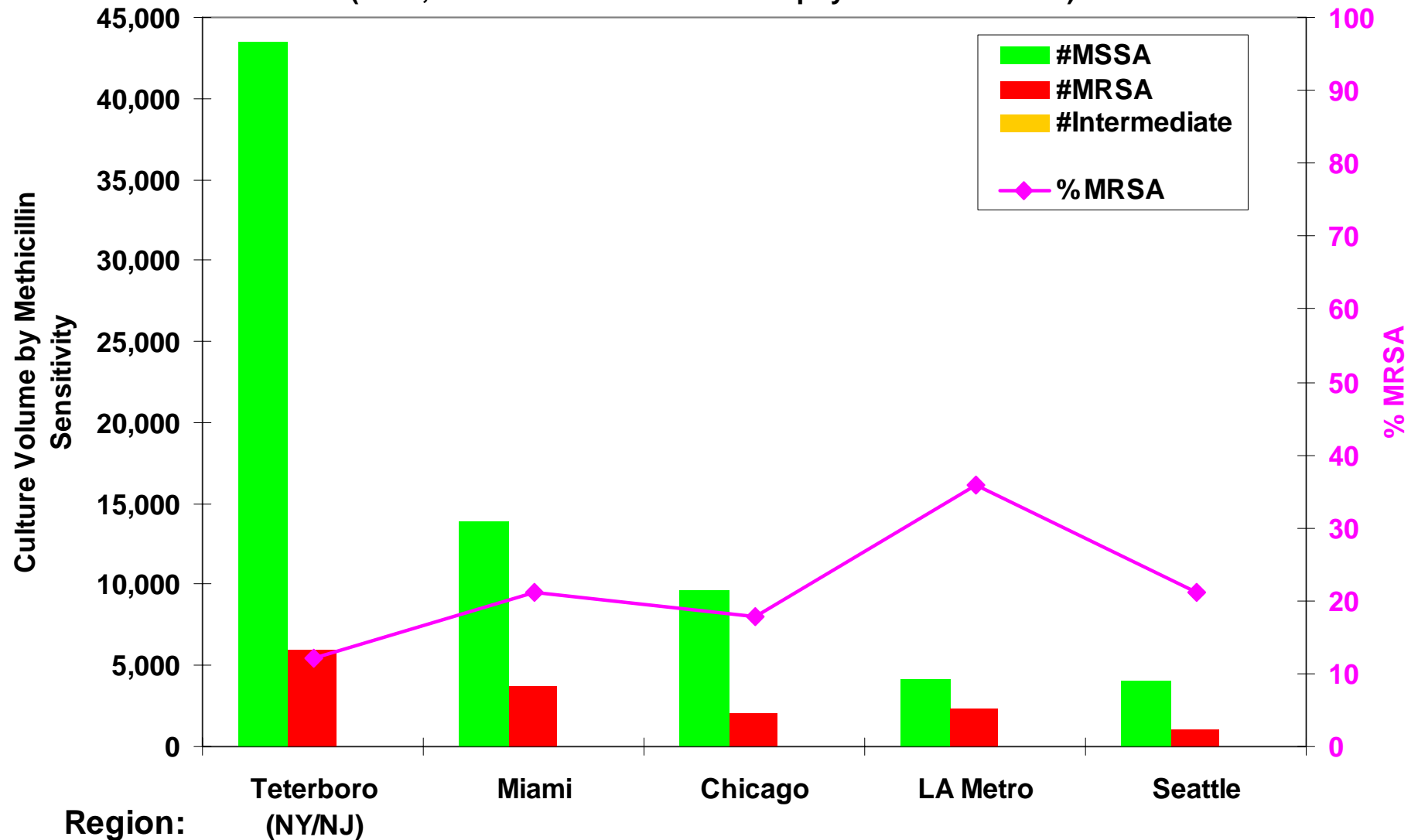
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## Syndromic Surveillance – Respiratory Disease



# AT&T / Quest Diagnostics Team Data Analysis – MRSA Prevalence

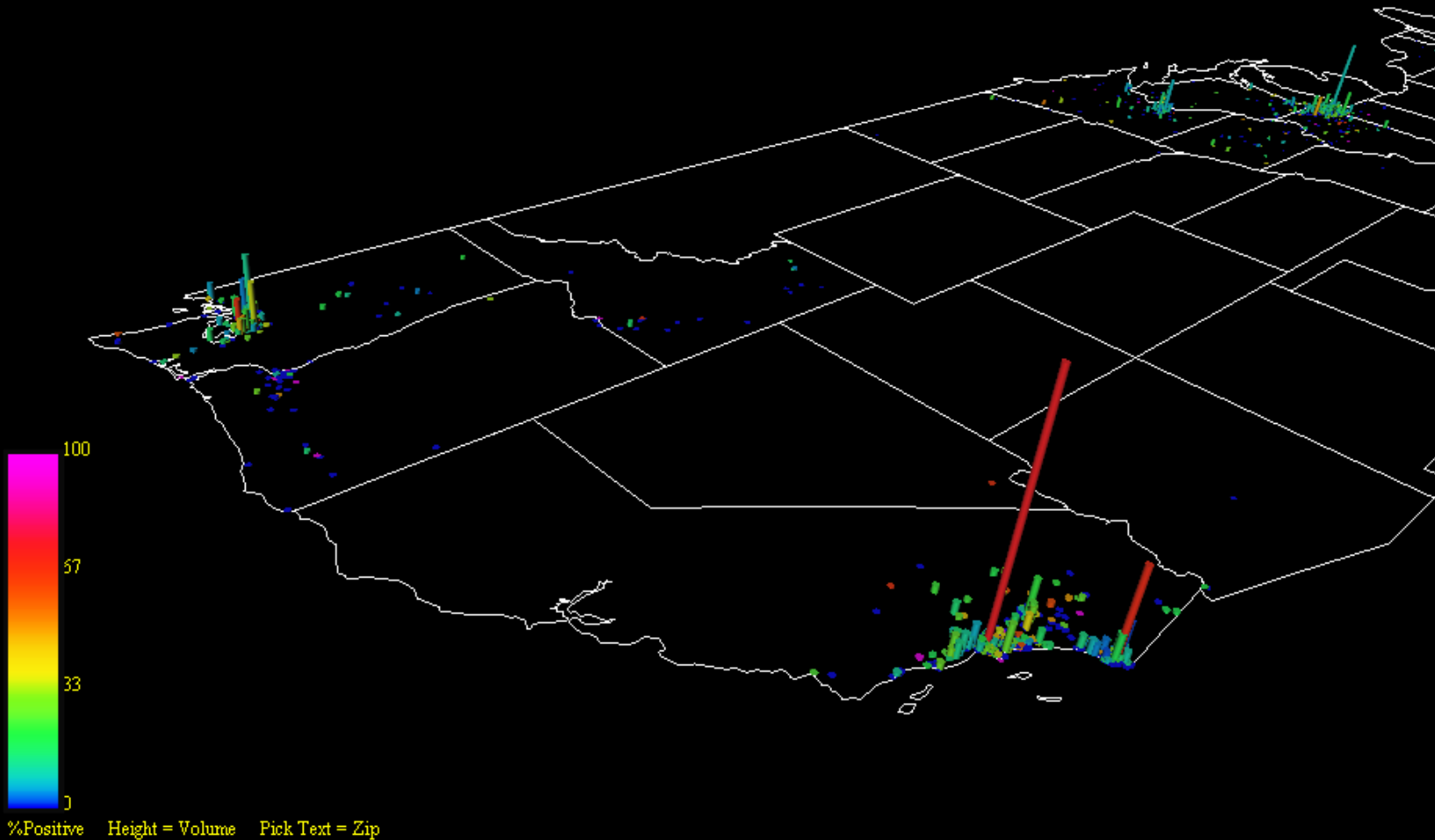
MRSA Prevalence by Selected Geographic Region, 2001-2002  
(n=90,500 Cultures Positive for Staphylococcus Aureus)



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## Data Analysis – MRSA Prevalence

Staph Aureus Prevalence and MRSA, Selected Geographic Regions (n=93,000)





## Conclusion

- Quest Diagnostics has the ability to support bio-terrorism detection and emerging infectious disease detection, as well as broader public health surveillance needs, based on current core competencies
- AT&T has distinguishing capabilities including infrastructure, security, technology, AT&T Labs - Research capabilities and government program integration excellence
- The AT&T – Quest Diagnostics Team can provide the only nationally scaleable public health surveillance infrastructure to support the goals of our customers.

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